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Just a Word...

By Father Harvey

As usual, it didn't take long to get back in the swing of things. Vacations have a way of quickly evaporating when the phone begins to ring and the door bell begins to chime.

Many thoughts crowd my mind tonight after a harried trip to a Diocesan meeting in Lansing, the first meeting I have been able to attend since we became pilgrims in a new land. Already, new breezes seem to be blowing in the Diocese. Though it is premature to even guess what the breeze may blow up, people are thinking. As Father King has mentioned via this paper and as you have had opportunity to read in the press, the Vicariate structure will continue to be our mode of operation for the church of Washtenaw and Lenawee counties. Eager questions arise from concerned people outside our area when the life and the effectiveness of the local church is discussed. One thing is sure - the Diocese of Lansing underwent a rather extensive face-lifting as the south-western portion of the State became the Diocese of Kalamazoo and Lenawee and Washtenaw counties were added to the See of Lansing. In particular, the number of students now enrolled in the Universities located within the Diocese as well as the great number of people served in the State's major hospitals, all pose enterprising challenges to the creative mission of the Church.

Saturday, Sept. 4, marks a very special day in the life of our own parish. Yesterday marked the Fiftieth Year that Miss Marie Stachlewitz has served St. John Parish. In sunny times as well as stormy ones, Marie has remained constant in her service of her home parish. To thankfully commemorate a half-century of giving, a Golden Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Marie's honor on Sunday, Sept. 26. A parish reception will also be held in the afternoon. More details will be printed next week.

Our thoughts also turn to the younger members of our parish will begin another school year during this coming week. Though the 'hard facts' of economics do not permit our school doors to open this year, we can be confident that the public classrooms in the area will be enriched by more than one student who will let the light of St. John's Shine! We look forward to the beginning of the Religious Education Program which will not only mark the union of friends, old and new, but be the occasion for growth in faith and love for which St. John's has stood throughout its 126 years.

As our own parish, along with the world-wide Christian community, is forced to re-think and re-shape its priorities, we must do so with hope, as befits a people of God. Erich Fromm describes this confidence in a way deserving of frequent meditation. "To hope," he says, "means to be ready at every moment for that which is not yet born, and yet not become desperate if there is no birth in our lifetime." That's the pregnant spirit with which we begin a new year!

Deceased Pastor

Friday, September 3rd was the 10th Anniversary of the death of Fr. William Mooney who was the pastor of St. John's at the time of the building of our parish High School. Father Mooney gave many hours of his life to the people of St. John's. In return, let us remember him prayerfully upon the anniversary of his death.

Newlyweds

On August 14, Thomas Northrup, a graduate of St. John's High School, and Sandra Ryskamp were united in marriage at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Redford. Rev. Morrell of St. Elizabeth's and Father Dougherty of Holy Trinity Chapel solemnized the couple's vows. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ryskamp of Redford and the parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Northrup of 715 N. Hewitt, Their attendants were the groom's brother James and the bride's sister Mrs. Sue Wright.

Congratulations, Tom and Sandy. They are presently residing at 230 Grape, Apt. 2, San Diego, California.

New Life in Christ

JOHN STEPHEN ELMER was baptized Sunday, August 29th, at 12:30 p.m. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Elmer and his Godparents were Steve and Carol Elmer. Welcome, John.

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Pre-School Registration

If you have not yet registered your four or five year old to be a part of our pre-school program for the coming year, you will be able to do so on Sept. 5 or Sept. 12, after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. In addition, you may also register after the 7 p.m. Mass on the Saturdays preceding the above Sundays. Registration will take place in the Church Basement.

Attention

Due to the 26th Amendment, 18, 19 and 20 year olds now have the right to vote. On Nov. 2nd there will be a special state election to see if support for the school systems should be supported through a millage or if it should be changed to a graduated income tax. In order to vote in this important election you **must** be registered to vote by **October 1st.**

All you have to do to register is to go to the Clerk's Office in City Hall, if you live in the city, or to the Clerk's Office in the Township Hall, if you live in the Township, and tell the clerk that you want to register to vote. There should be no problem getting registered.

Any Washtenaw Community College student who is interested in helping get a planned voter registration drive on the WCC campus going, please contact Dan Kubiske at either 483-3694 or at the WCC Newspaper Office, 971-6300, ext. 316. Any and all help will be appreciated.

St. Thomas To Receive Athletic Equipment

Dear Father King,

I received your letter upon returning from vacation and was delighted to receive the good news. On behalf of the St. Thomas Dad's Club I want to thank you and the Parish Council for this generosity and assure you that all of the equipment will be put to good use.

Probably by the time you receive this letter someone will have contacted you concerning how to go about picking this up, but again please accept my thanks for this very generous gift.

Very Cordially,
W. F. Anhut

Gabriel Richard Institute "Opportunity Evening"

You are invited to attend a no-obligation "Opportunity Evening" sponsored by the Gabriel Richard Institute to learn how you can unlock more of your hidden potential. Let us show you how our Self-Development course can bring you an exciting growth in self-confidence, enthusiasm and personality. You will have a new feeling of success in everyday life - at home, at work, at play.

You can enroll for the 10 session course at the "Opportunity Evening" or by calling WO. 5-5890 (weekdays from 9 to 5). Everyone is welcome.

Locations in this area and the "Opportunity Evening" are as follows:

St. Aloysius-Gabriel Richard Bldg., 305 Michigan Ave. at Washington Blvd. - Tues., Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalen, 19624 Wood St., Melvindale - Mon., Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Trenton Assembly of God, Third & Cherry Sts., Trenton - Thurs., Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart, 21701 Parke Lane, Grosse Ile - Tues., Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary, 210 W. Main St., Manchester — Fri., Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.

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The Ann Arbor Right To Life Group...

...has organized a great variety of activities to inform others of the issues and concerns of the abortion movement in Michigan.

OUR FIRST SIX MONTHS

During its short existence, the Ann Arbor Right to Life Group can point with pride to the following activities:

- We've publicized the Congress for the Unborn and the two Rallies in Lansing, through posters, notices in the Ann Arbor News, and letters to members and local clergymen. Excellent participation resulted.

- Coffee hours were held with State Representatives Smith and Smit.

- Public panel discussions were held in Ann Arbor (2), Saline and Chelsea.

- Six thoughtful anti-abortion ads were run in the Ann Arbor News.

- Bumper stickers, "Life is No Idle Gift - Stop Abortion" - have been distributed.

- Several members discussed this issue with all St. Thomas High students during individual religion classes.

- A booth was staffed throughout the four-day Ann Arbor Street Art Fair. Much material was distributed.

- Our publicity has enabled many local people to contact us for information and literature. More is yet to be done.

HELP THE UNBORN WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR DOLLARS, AND YOUR PRAYERS!

Financial Barometer

Sunday, August 29, 1971
Sunday Offertory $2,029.50

Banns of Marriage

Banns III - Ronald Schwartzenberger and Lynn Kramer.

Commentator Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 11, 1971
7:00 p.m. .....T. Birdsall
Sunday, Sept. 12, 1971
7:00 a.m. .....J. Smallish
9:00 a.m. .....M. Anhut
11:00 a.m. .....R. Kuhl
7:00 p.m. .....N. Pavlevich

Altar Boys

Week of September 5
Mon., Tues., Wed., Danny Gefe and Bill Wagner
Thurs., Fri., Sat., Mark Brown and Paul McLeod
Saturday, Sept. 4, Jim Eberts and Robert Eberts
Sunday, Sept. 5
7:00 a.m. Dennis Tice and Larry Koch
11:00 a.m. Charles Anhut and Bill Burgard
7:00 p.m. Mike Waite and Paul Shemon

Week of September 12
Mon., Tues., Wed., Jerry Sullivan and John Madigan
Thurs., Fri., Sat., Kevin and Chris McCarthy
Saturday, Sept. 11, Tim Buschell and Tim Carroll
Sunday, Sept. 12
7:00 a.m. Chris Madigan and Joe Parin
9:00 a.m. Jim Feuerstein and Jim Knowling
11:00 a.m. Matt Kochand and Tom Patchak
7:00 p.m. John Madigan and Gabriel Martinex

Mass Schedule

Monday, Sept. 6, 1971
7:15 a.m. William Jackson, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Raney
Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1971
7:15 a.m. Anna T. Connor, req. by M. Helen Connor
Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1971
7:15 a.m. Oliver Pinsenault, req. by Mrs. Dorothy Pinsenault
Thursday, Sept. 9, 1971
7:15 a.m. William Connor, req. by M. Helen Connor
Friday, Sept. 10, 1971
7:15 a.m. William Sockinger, req. by Mrs. Marie Sockinger
Saturday, Sept. 11, 1971
9:00 a.m. Harold Block, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Stafford
12:30 p.m. Wedding: Timothy Williboy and Linda Leininger
5:00 p.m. Wedding Mass: Ronald Schwartzenberger and Lynn Kramer
7:00 p.m. Intention of Mrs. Ellen Frontner, req. by The Philip Stokes Family

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FINDING GOD IN PRAYER

To pray well we must bring home to ourselves this important truth, that we are dealing with Someone who is within us, the very source of our life, both natural and supernatural. To find God we must turn inwards. The more conscious we are of that fact the more progress we shall make at prayer.

Having learned that God is always with us, we must make it our aim to learn to know Him better. We do this by turning to Him and making Him the object of our thought and desire in prayer. But always we must keep in mind that He is far more anxious to make Himself known to us than we could be to discover Him. Prayer is much more God's work than it is ours.

Lector Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 11, 1971
7:00 p.m. . . . . J. Baker
Sunday, Sept. 12, 1971
7:00 a.m. . . . . P. Heck
9:00 a.m. . . . . W. Anhut
11:00 a.m. . . . . D. Wheeler
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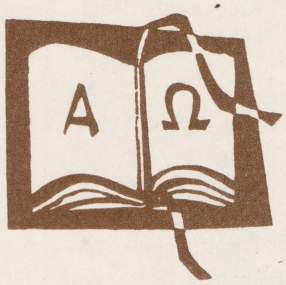

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On one occasion when a great crowd was with Jesus, he turned to them and said, "If anyone comes to me without turning his back on his father and mother, his wife and his children, his brothers and sisters, indeed his very self, he cannot be my follower. Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. If one of you decides to build a tower, will he not first sit down and calculate the outlay to see if he has enough money to complete the project? He will do that for fear of laying the foundation and then not being able to complete the work; at which all who saw it would then jeer at him, saying, 'That man began to build what he could not finish.'

"Or if a king is about to march on another king to do battle with him, will he not sit down first and consider whether, with ten thousand men, he can withstand an enemy coming against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, he will send a delegation while the enemy is still at a distance, asking for terms of peace. In the same way, none of you can be my disciple if he does not renounce all his possessions."

Luke 14, 25-33

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